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Students FOCUS on needy

Amy Kerner

Staff Reporter

When a van full of John Carroll students pulled into the parking lot of Sam's Club the week before Thanksgiving, the store manager could not have anticipated that they would buy over \$3,000 worth of food to feed 50 families.

These students were volunteers for the Student Union's FOCUS (Families of Cleveland United by Students) project which provides food for a Thanksgiving meal for less fortunate Cleveland families. Money donated and generated by fundraising was used to buy a turkey, stuffing, milk, bread, cereal and some other staple foods for each family.

"We had ten flat boards of food to check out," said Bridget Meehan, co-chair of the project. "They had to open a check-out line just for us."

In addition to the food purchased at Sam's Club, non-perishable food items were collected in the University Heights area by students, she said.

Approximately 35 students showed up on the Saturday morning before Thanksgiving to deliver all of the food to St. Agnes, Our Lady of Fatima Church where the families picked up the food, said Megan Baldino, co-chair of FOCUS.

"Having a ton of volunteers made the morning a whole lot easier," Baldino said.

When the volunteers arrived at the church, they unloaded the food and placed the families' food by their names, which were hanging on the wall, said Meehan.

Most of the recipients came to the church to pick up their food.



The food collected by FOCUS volunteers not only provided Thanksgiving dinner for 50 families in the Cleveland area, but also supplies for additional meals.

"There was a lot of interaction between students and families," Meehan said.

The students helped load the food into the families' cars, and families without transportation were taken home by students. Each family was given four to five boxes of food, depending on the size of the family, Meehan said.

Georgia McCoy, project coordinator at the church, said she didn't think the John Carroll students would bring so much food.

"We were very pleased with the food and the amounts that the students brought," McCoy said. "We have already received quite a few calls and thank-yous."

Students were also over-

whelmed by the massive effort. "It was great to see the Carroll community come together for such a great cause," said Billy Glunz, Student Union vice-president and FOCUS volunteer.

"It's a really great program," said Cheryl Michalsky, another volunteer. "It opens your eyes to the less fortunate."

McCoy, along with the people living within the parish boundaries to whom the food was given, said that she realized the magnitude of the project.

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Women's conference delegates speak at JCU

Cherie Skoczen

Assistant News Editor

The fourth International Women's Conference was not as bad as local newspapers portrayed it to be, according to two delegates who shared their experiences from the conference with the John Carroll community last week.

"It wasn't really as terrible as the newspapers had portrayed it," said Dorothy Lemmey, an assistant professor of nursing at Lakeland Community College. "It was a wonderful experience."

Lemmey and Liz Lavell, a therapist at the West Side Community Mental Health Center, opened their presentation, sponsored by Amnesty International, with a slide show of their 10-day stay in Huairou, China. Although the conference originally was to be held in Beijing, organizers moved it to Huairou instead, Lemmey said. Huairou is about one hour north of Beijing.

Lemmey and Lavell rode in one of about 200 buses to the opening ceremonies on Aug. 31. "It was very powerful," Lemmey said. "It seemed like the world stopped to see us go by. There were guards everywhere."

About 18,000 people attended the opening ceremonies at which more than 20,000 white pigeons were released as a demonstration of peace, said Lemmey.

Lavell said that security was tight throughout most of the conference. "We had to wear passes everywhere we went," she said.

"The guards stopped us if we didn't have them on."

"In the beginning, there was a lot of control and police were everywhere," Lemmey said. "Near the end, they began to let up a little." She said the women's actions were closely monitored, and they were not even permitted to have a key to their hotel rooms. "It was almost like they wanted to know when we were coming and going," she said. "I felt controlled in the beginning, but later I think the Chinese government figured we weren't going to blow the country apart so they let loose a little more," Lemmey said.

Since there were few food stands, it was hard for the women to buy food, Lemmey said. She said that she had to wrap up eggs and bread from her breakfast at the hotel in order to have lunch later that day.

Both Lavell and Lemmey said there were other inconveniences at the conference. Lemmey said the prices in Huairou and Beijing doubled when the women arrived. She said the workshop rooms were small and not air-conditioned and no indoor meeting area was large enough to accommodate everyone.

There were over 5,000 workshops on topics such as the economy, politics, education, health, environment, technology, race and ethnicity and youth, Lavell said. Most of the seminars were held in English, and Lemmey said some women brought their

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Prayer service to be held

Taize prayer offered in Chapel

Cherie Skoczen

Assistant News Editor

Taize prayer is a wonderful way to pray, according to Cynthia Caporella, director of music and liturgy.

"It provides peace and reflection for everyone, no matter what their particular philosophy is," she said. "One can come to this service and connect with the peace of God."

John Carroll University's next monthly Taize prayer service will be in St. Francis Chapel on Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 6 p.m. According to Caporella, the 40-minute prayer service consists of a calming, repetitive chant that takes place in a candle-lit chapel.

"There are more than 100 candles set up in front of an icon of Jesus," Caporella said.

She added that the chants are sung in English, as well as in Ger-

man, French and Latin.

"Everyone is more than welcome to sing, hum, or just be silent," Caporella said. "It's whatever is prayerful for you. If you don't participate vocally, it's still a moving time. Just come and be a part of the whole atmosphere."

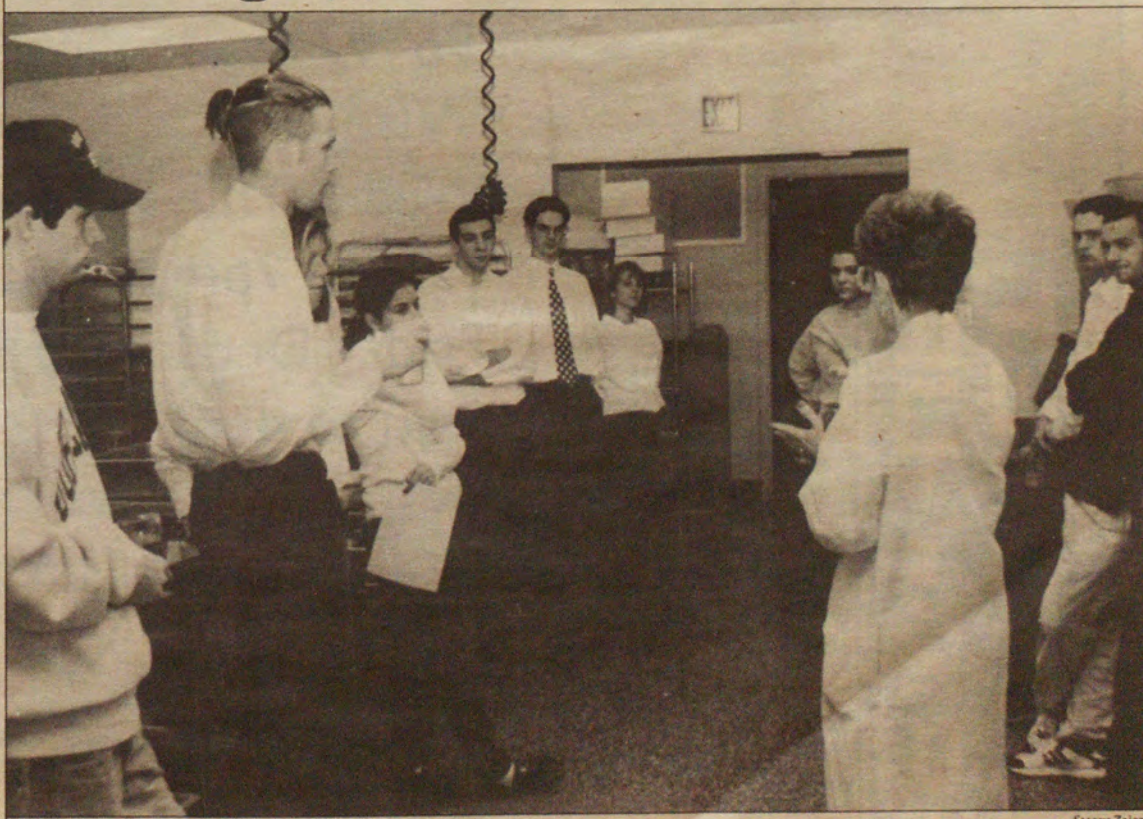
The Taize prayer service began around 1940 in Taize, France. Today more than 80 percent of the Taize prayer services that occur in Europe are for young adults between the ages of 15 and 25, Caporella said.

"It's a very young adult-oriented prayer service," she added. "In the United States, it's for all age groups."

Caporella said that everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend the service.

She added that a sacred seasonal music program will precede the service at 5:30 p.m.

Showing appreciation



Approximately 60 students cooked and catered a dinner for Marriott workers on Nov. 18 to show their appreciation. The dinner was sponsored by the Student Union.

Schott Hall designer wins award

Carolyn Sprague
Staff Reporter

The gothic architecture, lighting and flexibility of Schott Hall, which is part of JCU's Student Activity Center, earned URS consultants an AIA Design Award, said Ron Payto, Schott Hall designer.

An AIA Ohio Design Award is a statewide award given in a competition of design architecture.

"Schott Hall has added a whole new flavor to campus," said Dean of Students Joe Farrell. "It has made the campus more functional."

Schott Hall opened in January of 1991 and was built to serve a number of uses, said Payto.

"The necessity for the construction of Schott Hall came about with the advent of building East and Campion Halls," said John Reali, JCU physical plant director. "We needed to increase the cafeteria size."

Schott Hall was designed to provide a large lighted area room which would serve multi-purposes and also provide more conference space, said Reali.

The two-story addition increased the capacity of the student dining room from 300 to 580 people, and it added a large conference room on the second level.

Not only did the addition to the dining room increase seating space, but it also gave extra serving area, said Payto.

This provides more convenience to both the cafeteria staff and the students, said Reali.

"I have entered Schott Hall into

several design competitions because I am proud of the building," said Payto. "It is a successful conclusion to a difficult problem."

The challenge of building

"It was this matching of 'collegiate-gothic' architecture, use of lighting, and flexibility which encouraged the winning of the AIA Ohio Design Award."

Ron Payto

Schott Hall was in adding a large dining hall and lecture hall to a context of surrounding buildings that are residential in character, said Payto.

"Schott Hall needed to coincide with the adjacent dorms; it had to be sympathetic to the surrounding architecture," Payto added.

Sympathy to the surrounding buildings was achieved by using "collegiate gothic" details such as pitched gables, existing window proportions, and brick, limestone, and copper materials.

"It was this matching of 'collegiate-gothic' architecture, use of lighting, and flexibility which encouraged the winning of the AIA Ohio Design Award," said

Payto. "The building's design was able to respect the past, but looks toward the future as well."

Modern characteristics are added to Schott Hall through the use of both natural and artificial lighting, said Payto.

Natural lighting enters the dining room through high ceilings and skylights.

"These skylights almost break up the hall into separate dining rooms," said Payto.

Reali said the large windows and skylights bring the outside into the cafeteria. "The room seems open, and it gives a bright and airy feeling," he said.

Additional flexibility in the dining hall comes with the use of moveable walls that can create rooms independent of each other, Payto said.

"We are pleased with Schott Hall because it is functional and used daily," said Reali.

Prior to the AIA Ohio Design Award, Schott Hall received AIA's local award from its Cleveland chapter. Payto attributes the success of Schott Hall to Reali.

"I have enjoyed working with John Reali," said Payto. "The project is only as good as its client, and I am fortunate to have worked with such wonderful people."

Payto, who has been working with JCU for over 18 years, was presented with the AIA Ohio Design Award at the Arnoff Center



Schott Hall

for the Arts in Cincinnati.

The plaque which Reali received will be displayed downstairs in Schott Hall.

Payto's most recent design contribution to the JCU campus was the O'Malley Center.

"Constructing the O'Malley Center was also an interesting challenge because I had to attach a new facility to an old one [administration building]," said Payto. "I had to respect the existing building."

As a marketer of university-type work, Payto says that he often receives praise for his work with JCU's campus.

"The positive comments mention that the new facilities respect the existing architecture," he said.

The next construction project on JCU's agenda is the remodeling of the administration building, said Reali.

"We are striving for more options with all projects on campus," Reali said.

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Carroll makes honor roll

Joe Wholley

Assistant News Editor

John Carroll was recently named to the 1995 John Templeton Foundation Honor Roll for Character Building Colleges.

This honor, bestowed upon 124 colleges from 33 states, was awarded to JCU to recognize its innovation and leadership in promoting character development among students.

The Templeton Foundation, established in 1987 by International Investment Manager John M. Templeton, awards schools that encourage students to explore individual moral reasoning processes, foster positive attitudes and overall well-being, encourage spiritual growth and moral values, promote community building values, and advocate drug-free lifestyles. John Carroll is one of only five Ohio universities named to the Templeton Honor Roll.

"This honor is significant to us

because it tells us that we are educating and helping to develop responsible citizens," said Roberta Bokman, spokesperson for John Carroll. "This honor addresses our emphasis across the curriculum and the idea of the Jesuit action of developing the whole person."

Joe Farrell, dean of students, said that he has always felt that John Carroll's student body is well-focused and has a high moral standard.

"This is really the student body's award, not the building's or

the institution's, and I applaud them," said Farrell.

Fredrick Travis, acting president, said he is glad JCU was recognized for its accomplishments.

"It honors our broader mission to help form better people who are better educated and are ready to be men and women for others," said Travis.

"Spiritual growth of Jesuit philosophy helps John Carroll stand out from other universities," said John Gladstone, dean of admissions and financial aid.

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"This is a real service," McCoy said. "It's easier to just pass money than to go to all the effort to put food together for people, and we appreciate that the students really give of themselves."

"This lady told me she wasn't even going to have a Thanksgiving

ing, but because of the food we gave them, she could now make a Thanksgiving dinner for her family," Glunz said.

Meehan, who will be a co-chair for the project next year, said she will not change any aspects of the project. She wants to get as much student support as possible, and she added that, "I don't see any weak points."

connectedness," Lemmey said. "We all have the same hopes and dreams."

Lemmey said she reads the newspaper in a different light now that she has met people from all over the world. She spoke with two women from Sarajevo, and now when she reads about Bosnia in the newspapers, she thinks of those women who shared their stories with her.

She said that when she hears of trouble in Iran, she thinks of Iranian women who were selling t-shirts at the conference to help

other Iranian women. The women had fled Iran because they didn't want to wear traditional clothes, Lemmey said.

"It takes me longer, but I enjoy the paper a lot more now," she added.

Lavell said she knows the experience in Beijing has changed her, but she is not sure how yet. She said one of the purposes of the conference was to challenge people to think.

"We have to become aware that we're connected globally as human beings," Lavell said.

NEWSBRIEFS

a quick read

Itamar Rabinovich, Ambassador of Israel to the United States, will speak at JCU on Thursday, Nov. 30. Rabinovich's talk, which is titled "Middle East Peace: The Road Ahead," will be given in Kulas Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. It is free and open to the public.

Tasha Ferguson and the Campus Ministry Office will sponsor a prayer service for World AIDS Day on Nov. 30. The prayer service will include a reflection by Joe Cimperman, former JCU Student Union president and JCU graduate. The prayer service will be held in St. Francis Chapel at 7 p.m.

The JCU Department of Communications received the Program of Excellence Award from the Speech Communication Association of America's senior college and university division. The national award was given to JCU's communications department for overall excellence in curriculum, program quality and course design. This is the second award the Communications Department has received in the last year.

"National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation," "All I Want for Christmas" and "The Christmas Story" will be shown in the Wolf-and-Pot this Saturday, starting at 7 p.m. Everyone is asked to wear red and green and other holiday attire, said Kate Robinson, Student Union director of special events. "We'll be giving away prizes to the most festive people," she said.

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own interpreters. She added that there were about 4,000 youths in attendance at the conference.

"It was very powerful to see so many women there for the same reason," Lemmey said. She added that she felt a sense of pride to be at the conference with women leaders, prime ministers and heads of states.

"Being at a convention with more than 35,000 women from all over the world gave me a sense of

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Clinton takes responsibility for possible casualties in Bosnia

NATO peace plan calls to unite Bosnian front despite Serbian threats of resistance

Annie Collopy

Asst. Int. News & Business Editor

On November 21, a tentative peace agreement was reached between the Bosnian-Serbs, Croats, and Muslims which aims to resolve a three and a half year war between these ethnic groups.

The agreement was reached in Dayton, Ohio after several weeks of intense talks between the respective governments' leaders.

The talks involved Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic, Croatian President Franjo Tudjman, and Bosnia President Alija Izetbegovic.

Secretary of State Warren Christopher and Assistant Secretary of State Richard Holbrooke were the United States' key mediators at the talks.

The Balkan peace plan provides for one central government with a president and elected parliament, as well as a new constitution. This is in addition to lifting U.N. sanctions against Serbs.

Forty-nine percent of the present Bosnia-Herzegovina will

be controlled by the Bosnian Serbs and fifty-one percent by a Croat-Muslim federation.

The central city of Sarajevo is the critical issue of the talks. The proposed peace plan calls for a united Sarajevo thus forcing Serbs to relinquish territories in the suburbs of Sarajevo.

Some of the rebel Serbs have promised not to comply with this provision. Serb leaders such as Radovan Karadzic predict that this will cause more bloodshed and similar challenges that Beirut has faced.

The U.S. Government and President Clinton now face a challenge. Clinton must convince the United States citizens who have been apathetic towards the war in Bosnia that 20,000 troops should be deployed to Bosnia-Herzegovina to mediate peace.

The American troops would comprise one-third of NATO's forces of 60,000 in a peace keeping mission. French and British troops would comprise the remaining majority of the troops.

This week President Bill Clinton

devoted his weekly radio address and a special televised address Monday night pleading his case to the American people and Congress.

Clinton believes that NATO's presence in Bosnia is critical to ongoing peace and sending troops is a natural response after the United States' role in the peace talks.

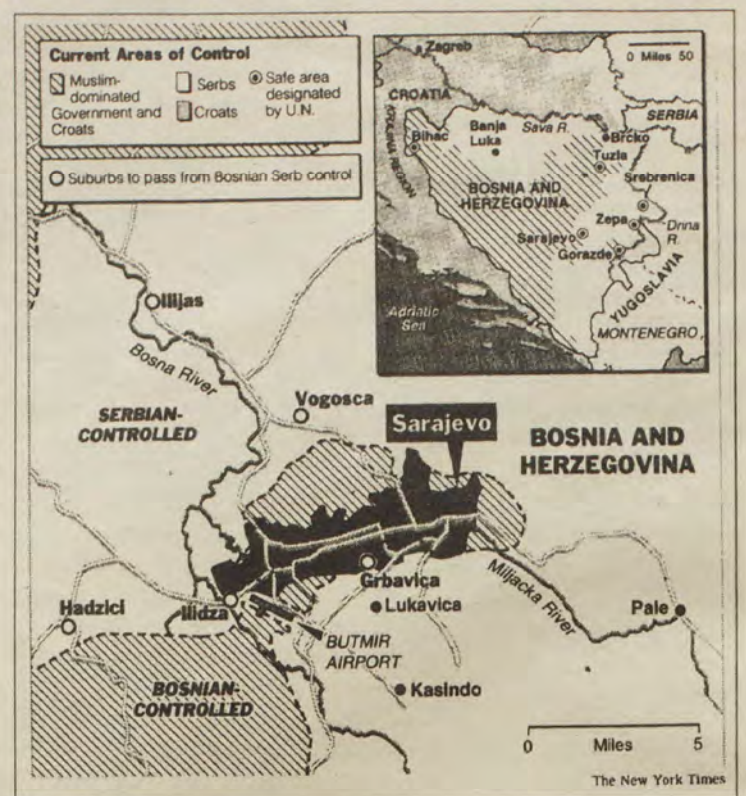
Monday night, Clinton addressed the people of the United States in clear and certain terms.

"When America does not lead, the consequences could be very grave," Clinton said.

His speech emphasized the power of America's leadership worldwide.

He assured the public that the troops would have sufficient power to protect themselves while assuming full responsibility for casualties that may be incurred with U.S. intervention.

Bosnian Serb leaders including Karadzic and General Ratko Mladic are currently being indicted by a United Nations tribu-



Carroll upholds status quo with Bosnian apathy

Gina M. Girardot

Int. News & Business Editor

According to a poll done by Time magazine, Americans are more ignorant of foreign events than citizens in any other advanced country.

John Carroll University students are just as ignorant as the status quo.

A random poll of 100 students, showed 50 percent of the students polled knew the causes of the tension in Bosnia. Only 60 percent of students knew the peace talks

were held in Dayton, OH for the past three weeks.

Foreign intervention is something that Americans are hesitant about as a result of previous conflicts, such as the failed humanitarian mission in Somalia.

In a post cold war era, Americans expect the lives of soldiers to be held in high regard. Operation Desert Storm set the precedent for this attitude, where 148 U.S. soldiers were killed.

Americans expect foreign military intervention to have specific

justification, such as how the stakes of the Bosnian conflict will effect the U.S.

Clinton's moral call to uphold democracy doesn't cut it. One student wrote, "The United States' role in the Bosnian conflict is the Big Brother. This is pathetic, let's worry about our own country first."

The Republicans' "Contract with America," which is domestic policy oriented, as well as President Clinton's fickle foreign policy has contributed to the public's perspective.

nal for war crimes and atrocities.

Yet, the American population remains unmoved by the recent revelations of genocide, ethnic cleansing, and mass killings that occurred this summer after the ironically named U.N. "safe zone" of Srebrenica was overtaken by Serbs.

These killings have been called the worst war crimes committed since the Holocaust in Europe during World War II.

On July 11, the Bosnian Serb army invaded the safe zone of Srebrenica. Despite pleas by the Dutch forces who were occupying this refuge, the Serbs moved through Srebrenica, a town once occupied by 40,000 people who needed a safe haven from the war.

Unfortunately, an estimated 6,000 people, possibly more, were methodically shot and killed by Serbian forces near the Drina River.

Muslim men were reportedly herded by the thousands, placed in trucks, and taken to killing fields. In these killing fields, they were lined up four by four and shot.

Survivors also recount the terrors of refugees who were seized by Serbians from a Dutch camp in Potocari. The survivors witnessed

women who were taken from the camp and systematically raped by Serbian soldiers.

These witnesses survived because the Serbs' shots missed them and consequently, they were hidden by their fellow Muslims' bodies who were killed by the troops.

Unfortunately, despite highly advanced intelligence warnings from the Dutch troops in Srebrenica of the knowledge that the highly populous Srebrenica was being overtaken by the Serbs, the Clinton Administration reports that they could not have foreseen the atrocities that occurred.

An American spy satellite took pictures of the field of human graves, the pictures did not reach government officials for three weeks.

The American government now faces the challenge of convincing America that Bosnia is a justifiable and worthy cause.

The American people need to be convinced that soldiers will be in complete control and will not incur heavy casualties as a result of intervention. Americans are presently divided over the situation due to memories of Vietnam, Lebanon, Somalia, and Haiti.

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Budget proposal threatens student aid

Shane Subler
Staff Reporter

The budget standoff between the Democrats and Republicans in Congress hinders on the degree of cuts in taxes and Medicare spending. Also on the budget agenda are cuts in Student Aid, which have not been at the forefront of the debate.

Depending on the plan churned out by Washington in upcoming weeks, less student aid may be available for John Carroll University students.

Current Republican plans call for slashing \$4.9 billion from projected spending on student loans and grants.

The budget proposal calls for reducing the percentage of student government loans to 10 percent of the total student loan market. Currently, the government subsidizes 30 percent of student loans given. Private banks will

assume control of the 20 percent reduction, therefore taking over 90 percent of the student loans given.

Both Republicans and Democrats stress that their proposals are aimed at preserving the future for America's next generation.

Both proposals are deficient in providing one of the two major components of this future: eliminating the deficit, and maintaining programs to restore America's global competitiveness.

Republican programs, on one hand, are committed to eliminating the deficit.

However, programs directed towards the preservation of economic stability for the next generation, which includes student loans, will be sacrificed in the process.

In contrast, the Democratic proposals commit to maintain-

ing these programs by not eliminating the deficit burden as soon.

President Bill Clinton is reluctant to make deep cuts in these programs, which is why the Democrats project the budget to balance in 9 or 10 years. The Republicans' proposal balances the budget in seven years.

Dean Birch, John Carroll professor of Political Science, stated in reaction to the budget proposals, "Two things seem bogus in this idea of preserving the future: cutting programs essential to maintaining our competitiveness, and balancing the budget by providing wind-fall tax breaks for the wealthy."

The stress of preserving America's global competitiveness through a balanced budget may seem appealing to the American public. However, the intentions of these budget cuts may have repercussions that will compound the issues facing the next generation.

American troops in Bosnia: Is there a choice?

David Gompert
Los Angeles Times

The House has cautioned the president not to expect Congress to agree to include American troops in the NATO force that will police a Bosnian peace settlement. Fair enough. Because this issue could divide the country, the president would be wise to set aside his prerogatives and seek a political mandate.

Commentary

Congress will demand to know what the force's main task will be keeping the warring sides apart or keeping Bosnia together, and how the force can be removed without plunging Bosnia back into war.

Granting that the administration must answer all the tough questions about the purposes, limits, costs and risks of sending American forces to Bosnia, the public and Congress, even those who would relish Bill Clinton's political failure, should make no mistake about the consequences of a defeat for the president on Bosnia. With a peace agreement reached, say administration offi-

cials, refusal to commit U.S. troops to the NATO peacekeeping force will cause the sky to fall. They are right.

The first casualty would be NATO itself, which would find itself without a mission, a leader, or a future. When the Cold War ended, the United States and its allies decided to keep NATO in place and American troops in Europe, having learned this century's painful lesson: When the United States walked away from its role in Europe after World War I, back came war in Europe and back came the United States in World War II. But in the second half of the century, when the United States stayed in Europe, peace prevailed, the Cold War was won and American interests thrived.

If the alliance leader now fails to live up to these solemn undertakings, all bets are off. NATO's main new mission will be nullified, leaving American military commanders to guess what their job is. Since the American troops in Europe will have no clear function, the consensus for keeping them there will crumble. And our allies, malign them if you like, but bear in mind they already

have thousands of peacekeepers in Bosnia, will conclude that the United States does not, after all, accept responsibility to join in restoring security to Europe. The dormant idea of an independent European alliance, excluding the United States, will awake with a vengeance.

Because the very premise of NATO in the new era would be erased if the United States evades this call, such dire predictions are not far-fetched. A Europe without NATO, a Europe without America, means a different world from the one that the United States has tried to create since the collapse of communism, under presidents of both parties and with broad public and congressional support.

Those who say we have no important interest that would justify sending American peacekeepers to Bosnia should consider whether they would prefer that different world. While pundits might say fine, statesmen will think twice.

Even worse consequences are imaginable. If a peace agreement cannot be implemented because the United States declines to do its part, we will receive and deserve the blame for whatever happens. The United States might then need

World b r i e f s

The 58 year old Irish Constitution was legally changed on Saturday, after the Irish people voted in favor of legalizing divorce. The provision allows divorce for couples who have been separated for at least four years. The vote, which passed the provision by a margin 49.7 percent to 50.3 percent, won by a narrow margin of 9,100 votes. In 1986 a similar referendum was defeated by 63.5 percent to 36.5 percent. Ninety-two percent of Ireland's 3.5 million citizens are baptized Roman Catholics. Opponents of the referendum gained support late in the debate due to a campaign with a direct appeal from Pope John Paul II. Since the vote passed, opponents have begun planning approaches attempting to overturn the new amendment.

Israeli police have questioned two rabbi suspects who may have been involved in the assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. Yigal Amir reportedly conferred with the rabbis regarding teachings that may have motivated Amir to assassinate Rabin. The rabbis allegedly advised Amir that peace with the Palestinians could endanger Israeli lives.

Despite incentives and rewards, Christmas shopping this season is expected to fall short of expectations. For example, Kmart offered the first 100 customers into every store a free fanny pack and \$70 worth of coupons. The day after Thanksgiving, traditionally the busiest shopping day of the year, drew out large crowds, but fell short of expectations. Retailers expect a slower shopping season with more prudent shoppers due to record consumer debt.

Republicans in Congress have given up part of their plan to deny legal immigrants aid for higher education. However, they are still holding onto plans to grant limited access to young legal immigrants for the Head Start program. Republicans welfare reform plan attempts to limit several federal aid programs for immigrants such as food stamps and Medicaid. President Clinton's aides still promise that he will veto the Republican's plan due to provisions that would directly harm children.

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to enter in force, under truly perilous circumstances, just as we had to return to Europe after trying to escape our responsibility earlier this century.

Weighed against these dangers, the opponents' case comes down to one point: the risk to American lives. They forget that this will not be a U.N. operation but a NATO operation, answerable to the supreme allied commander: an American general. If we lack faith in NATO to conduct military operations, we should have closed it down by now.

In the event Americans are killed, we would not be callous to

recall that we have all volunteer armed forces, whose members have signed on to risk their lives in the nation's interest. And with the \$260-billion defense budget American taxpayers fund, our armed forces are hardly being asked to operate at a disadvantage.

Most fears about American peacekeepers in Bosnia are superstitions caused by past failures, especially Vietnam and Somalia. The administration cannot ignore these fears. Neither can Congress ignore that refusal to join and lead our NATO allies will earn it a special place in American history.



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Giving Tree project reaches out to children and elderly

Sherry Lucchetti

Assistant Features Editor

For most of us at John Carroll University, Christmas is a time of joy. A time to take a break from the pressures of school, relax and spend time with our families. We share holiday meals, spiritual celebrations, memories of Christmas past,

MetroHealth, whose only Christmas gifts may be the ones that JCU students purchase for them.

For the past several years, Erin O'Brien has participated in the purchasing of gifts for the children and elderly whose names appear on the Giving Tree. "For a lot of kids, this is the only present they get," said O'Brien. "If a name

is left on the tree, that kid won't get a present."

This is a rarity, however, said Valerie Hartman, coordinator of the project in the past. "The response [to the Giving Tree] has been wonderful. Every year all the names were taken [from the tree]," she said.

James Sullivan, chairman of the Giving Tree project this year said that the Giving Tree is "a

reason. Many of these people are shut-ins and are bed ridden. For them, the gift that they receive as a result of the Giving Tree really makes the holiday special.

To be a part of the Giving Tree tradition, a student must take a name from the tree in the Atrium and purchase a gift for the person whose name appears on the tag. The student must then wrap the item and place the tag from the tree on the gift. Gifts should then be placed under the Christmas tree in

St. Francis Chapel.

Sullivan stressed the importance of following through if a tag is taken. This ensures that everyone will have something to look forward to on Christmas. Hartman also recommended educational and non-violent gifts for the children.

"The children love it. When they hear they're getting a present, they're so excited," said Hartman, "Their eyes light up with something as little as a book or a football."



Photo courtesy of Valerie Hartman

A child from Cleveland opens his gift from a member of the JCU community.

laughter and gifts. And though we are adults now and say that Christmas isn't about getting presents—that isn't how we felt as children.

As a child, the allure of Santa Claus bringing presents to all the good little girls and boys had us so excited that we could hardly sleep Christmas Eve. When we woke up early Christmas morning, we found many presents under the tree and hardly knew what to open first.

For many children, however, this is not how they will remember Christmas.

This Christmas season, the JCU community is reaching out to those less fortunate with the 4th annual Giving Tree.

Sponsored by the Student Union, the Giving Tree is just what its name suggests—a Christmas tree with tags of the names of children from Immokalee, Florida, Cleveland's Family Transitional Housing, and the elderly from

chance for more fortunate people to help those less fortunate."

The Giving Tree was started as a way to help the migrant farm workers of Immokalee and their children to have a happy Christmas. The children range in age from six to thirteen, and usually over 100 gifts are given.

Every year over Christmas break, JCU sends six students to Immokalee to spend time with the children doing educational activities. The

"If a name is left on the tree, that kid won't get a present."

Erin O'Brien

presents that are purchased for these children will be delivered during this year's trip.

Locally, gifts will be distributed to children, from the young age of one month through age 17, on Saturday, December 9, by Cleveland Family Transitional Housing.

The idea of giving gifts to the elderly at MetroHealth came about for much the same

"Three-Point Attack" against cancer

Colleen Dugan

Staff Reporter

The National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) and the American Cancer Society have joined together in an effort to create awareness of the effects of cancer.

According to Jim Haney, NABC executive director, Jim Valvano, former head basketball coach at North Carolina State who died of cancer in 1993, was the inspiration for this program.

"Jim Valvano's fight with cancer awakened us to the need for our association to reach out to those in need," said Haney. "We hope our efforts in conjunction with the American Cancer Society will be an asset in conquering this dreaded disease."

The specific project of this coalition is called the "Three-Point Attack." During the John Carroll University basketball season, every time a member of the team makes a three point shot, it aids the fight against cancer. Through pledges from students, parents, organizations, and area businesses, each three-pointer will raise money.

This is the second year that the Blue Streaks have been involved in this project, and Coach Mike Moran is a big supporter. "We're delighted to help out, because it's a great, great cause," said Moran.

Moran is also encouraged by the fact that the team is able to lend their support, even if it is only in a small way. Some of his players have even gone beyond this one project and helped out in other ways at the American Cancer Society.

One of the first basketball players to get involved with this project was junior Joey Bigler. He aided the American Cancer Society in getting things started at JCU by giving them contact people, especially in the sororities and fraternities at JCU.

Bigler, like many other students at Carroll, felt it was important to get involved in this cause due to a personal experience. "It looks good for the school and the team if we get involved in the community and volunteering," said Bigler. "Life is not just about playing basketball."

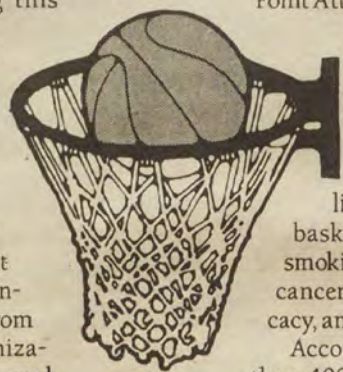
American Cancer Society volunteer Leslie Carruthers is at the forefront of JCU's attack on cancer. She sees the "Three-

Point Attack" as much more than just a

fundraising activity; it is a public education event. The main goals of the project are to inform young people about the danger of tobacco use, help reinforce a healthy lifestyle, reduce the number of basketball arenas that permit smoking, and increase funding for cancer research, education, advocacy, and patient services.

According to Carruthers, more than 400,000 people die yearly from smoking related diseases, such as lung cancer. That is more than alcohol, cocaine, crack, heroine, murder, suicide, car accidents, and AIDS combined.

"In addition to serving public education, we are trying to get students introduced to volunteering," said Carruthers. She encourages everyone in the JCU community to get involved by helping at the booth, pledging support as a group, soliciting area businesses for contributions, or simply volunteering at the American Cancer Society.



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Brosnan strikes gold as Bond

Andrea Tracy

Staff Reporter

Explosions, evil villains, cool gadgets, impossible stunts, and seducing every woman he comes in contact with are all the ingredients needed for a James Bond movie. Since Sean Connery left the role, however, many of the Bond "replacements" have struggled to capture the magic that Connery brought to the character. The new James Bond, Pierce Brosnan, not only breathes new life into 007, he brings his own style and sophistication along with it.

Goldeneye pits 007 against renegade Russians and Irish freedom fighters who have a score to settle with the "Queen Mum." A stolen Russian secret weapon, Goldeneye, threatens the safety of Great Britain, and, as always, it is up to James Bond to save the world one more time.

Brosnan's portrayal of Bond is seductive and very mysterious — much like "Remington Steele" circa 1985, except 007 knows karate. Brosnan slips effortlessly into the role and interacts well with all of his co-stars (not just the women).

The new Bond girl, Izabella Scorupco, plays the only Russian to survive the heist of *Goldeneye*. She becomes Bond's partner and obsession. Scorupco complements Brosnan well and shows that she can hold her own on the big screen.

Goldeneye has action, violence, death-defying stunts — some unbelievable ones. For instance, how



Keith Hamsphere

Pierce Brosnan stars as James Bond in United Artists' *Goldeneye*.

many times have you ridden a motorcycle over a cliff to catch a plane? Bond fans are in for a treat, and even people who have never seen a 007 movie will have no problem being swept into it.

For women who were in love with Brosnan from his "Remington Steele" days, he looks better than ever. He is on the big screen wearing everything from a tuxedo to a swimsuit. Need I say more?

Hopefully, *Goldeneye* is the start of a new era of Bond. Brosnan definitely delivers, and the plot and writing are solid. With the Cold War over, the filmmakers produced a plausible plot involving a conflict with Russians, without making Russia the villain.

So, if fate is with us, Brosnan will be answering that famous question about his identity for years to come: "I'm Bond. James Bond."

Cleveland celebrates Beatlemania

Beatles remembered as 'symbol of generation from which they evolved'

Rachel Hayes

Staff Reporter

The year was 1964: The band, composed of four mop-tops from Liverpool, England, would transform the music scene for every generation to come. The four lads — John Lennon, Paul McCartney, George Harrison and Ringo Starr, were welcomed by a feverish pitch of howling screams and thunderous applause as they arrived in America. They hit the top of the charts with "I Want to Hold Your Hand," the first of 20 songs to hit No. 1.

The Beatles are the symbol of the generation from which they evolved. From the bubble gum card lads that wowed American audiences on the "Ed Sullivan Show" in February, 1964, to the poets, philosophers and peace-makers that emerged in the years that followed, their music developed a more serious tone that paralleled the late 1960's war-struck culture.

Beatlemania has been resurrected as the release of the Fab Four's first album in 25 years hit record stores Tuesday, Nov. 21. Several area record stores have been promoting this legendary recording. At the music department of Borders Books and Music in Beachwood, several people gathered to witness the phenomenon. The store hosted a giveaway in which one winner received *The Beatles Anthology I* for guessing how many "diamonds were in the sky" (mimicking the Beatles hit, "Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds").

But Borders hasn't been the only one spreading Beatlemania.

"We're doing very extensive promotions," said Mark Bishop, promotion and marketing director of WMJI 105.7. The station recently gave away trips to London and Liverpool. Bishop said that WMJI is planning future promotions to coincide with releases of two more *Beatles Anthologies* in

Lennon, a true reunion was not possible. On Dec. 8, 1980, Lennon was murdered by a fan in front of his apartment building in New York.

"I was living in New York City at the time John Lennon was shot," said Michael Heaton, the Minister of Culture for *The Plain Dealer*. He recalled the effect it had on him, and "the permanency of the fact that the Beatles would never get back together."

Lennon founded the Beatles in 1956 after a chance meeting with McCartney at a church function, and the two collaborated on dozens of hits spanning the next decade until the group's breakup in 1970. Their bond as musicians was strong, but their individual tastes had dominated and challenged the

bond into an inevitable parting of ways.

Their music moved millions of girls to tears, while at the same time reminding fans of the treasures of youth. "I appreciate them now more than at the time," said 60-year-old Shirley Francetic, who gazed at the large display of Beatles items at Borders, admitting with starry-eyed excitement that she had been a Beatles fan for years.

The Beatles composed songs that characterized just about every human emotion — from the enthusiasm of assured love in "She Loves You" to the sentimentality of lost love depicted in "Yesterday." The emotions and the group are ageless and timeless.

February and April of 1996. The station also offered Beatles T-shirts during their "Beatles Weekends," courtesy of Daffy Dans. "We're the only store that's stocking all 27 officially licensed Beatles T-shirts," said Dan Gray, owner and founder of Daffy Dans.

Along with the television premiere of "Beatles Anthology" last week came the release of the group's first single in 25 years, "Free as a Bird," which combines Lennon's voice with the voices of the other three members. The program also featured "Real Love," which will appear on *The Beatles Anthology II*, scheduled for release in February.

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Coming Attractions



Art

The Canterbury Sculpture Committee is holding its second annual art show to benefit the Canterbury Elementary School at John Carroll University's Grasselli Library, now through Dec. 7. The works range widely from large paintings to many small works for the purpose of commissioning a public, hands-on sculpture for the school grounds.

Film



Bob Marshak

John Travolta and Harry Belafonte star in *White Man's Burden* from Savoy Pictures and Rysner Entertainment, opening tomorrow (Friday, Dec. 1). The disturbing and provocative "what if?" drama involves a white man trying to succeed in a world in which racial balance of power has been reversed.

The Cleveland Museum of Art features *His Girl Friday*, part of the *100 Years of Magic: Postscript*, starring Cary Grant, Rosalind Russell, and Ralph Bellamy on Wednesday, Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m. A fast-talking newspaper editor tries to coax his ex-star reporter (and ex-wife) into covering a fast-breaking news story before leaving to remarry. Films are \$4, \$3 for CMA members.

Music

Belkin Productions and the Budweiser Concert Series announce that the *Candlebox* concert (with special guests *Sponge* and *Our Lady Peace*) originally scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 9 at the CSU Convocation Center has been changed to Thursday, Dec. 7 at the CSU Convocation Center at 7:30 p.m. The Dec. 7 performance honors tickets already purchased for Nov. 9. Tickets are \$18.50 in advance, \$19.50 day of show, and are available at all Ticketmaster locations.

The Cleveland Museum of Art, along with its University Circle neighbors, presents the second annual *Holiday CircleFest* Dec. 6 from 5 to 9 p.m. The winter evening open house, complete with music, seasonal food and drink, luminaries and holiday shopping, features the Festival of Lights. No fees or registration are required for events on Dec. 6. For more information about other *Holiday CircleFest* events, call 791-3900.

The Cleveland Museum of Art observes *World Aids Day* on Friday, Dec. 1 from 10 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. There will be an a cappella performance by the singing group, *The Coastliners*, who will also lead the audience on a walking tour of the AIDS bells, stopping to sing appropriate music in each bell gallery. Admission to the museum and the events is free.

Theatre

Dobama's Night Kitchen presents *The Realistic World*, a 60-minute improvisational soap opera that opens Saturday, Dec. 2 at 11 p.m. and runs through Dec. 23, Friday and Saturday nights at 11 p.m. at Dobama Theatre. *The Realistic World*, borrowed from MTV's popular real-life drama, involves the daily lives of seven strangers, aged 19-26 years old, chosen to share a house in Tremont. Admission is \$3. Call 932-6838 for more information.

The Great Lakes Theater Festival's seventh-annual holiday production of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* runs now through Dec. 24 in the Ohio Theatre, Playhouse Square Center. The classic holiday tale involves Ebenezer Scrooge's journey toward redemption. Tickets range from \$15 to \$35. Call 241-5490 for more ticket information and showtimes.

Coming Attractions were compiled by Lani Assily, assistant entertainment editor.

Inside play a must to women's b-ball success

Kevin Bachman

Staff Reporter

Coach Carol Dugan said she knows this will probably be an up and down season. After the first four games, the roller coaster ride is just beginning.

The John Carroll University Blue Streaks opened the regular season at the Calvin Tournament, Nov. 17 where they dropped the first game to the host school 64-61. They rebounded the next day to take the consolation game, defeat-

ing Hope College 73-62.

Coach Carol Dugan said she is pleased with the way the Streaks are playing at this point of the season.

"I like our intensity on defense," Dugan said. "We're going to put some pressure on people."

Against Muskingum, forward Erin Biehle came off the bench to score a game-high 17 points while pulling down seven rebounds. Biehle shot 6-7 from the field and 5-5 from the foul line. Biehle was

also named OAC Women's Basketball Player of the Week.

"Erin played a very steady, very poised game," Dugan said.

Along with Biehle, senior point guard Bridgette Moran scored 14 while junior small forward Megan Campbell added 13.

"I think the team's really gelling together," Biehle, a freshman, said. "I was excited just to get the opportunity to get in the game and contribute."

Campbell said she thinks some

of the younger players are stepping into their roles nicely.

"We got off to a good start," Campbell said. "We're real young but we're playing real well together and we're learning every day."

One thing the Streaks need to continue to improve on is their rebounding, especially on the offensive end, Dugan said. I think we shot well from the floor [49.1%], but we only had 13 offensive boards," Dugan said. "We need to be hungrier going against the offensive glass."

The Streaks did convert from the charity stripe, hitting 25 of 31 for the game, including 10-10 from Moran in the final minutes.

The Streaks opened their game against Edinboro looking to get the ball inside. Their tactics worked—in the first half.

Although Edinboro had three starters taller than 5'11, guards

Moran and Mihalic did an excellent job of getting the ball inside to Brenlove and Biehle, who had 9 and 7 points respectively at the break with the score tied at 43.

The second half was a different story.

Edinboro put on a full court press that the Blue Streaks could not handle and the Fighting Scots won 86-66.

"They [Edinboro] dictated the tempo in the second half," said Dugan. "We needed to look over the top [of the press] and take away some of their pressure."

Brenlove led the Blue Streaks with 16 points and Biehle chipped in with 9. Deanna Bahhur grabbed a team-high 11 rebounds.

Carroll will be back in action this weekend on December 1-2. They will compete in the Bluffton Tournament. They will travel to Mount Union on December 5.

Volleyball's magical ride ends vs. Cal Lutheran

Randy Loeser

Staff Reporter

The John Carroll University volleyball team played out the script almost perfectly; Win the first game, lose the next two. They had done it all year. It was like a Hollywood script writer had written the scene. However, this time California Lutheran stood in the way of a happy ending.

A happier ending will have to wait until next season for the Blue Streaks. They could not muster a comeback against the Regals, the No. 5 team in the country in the NCAA quarterfinals at John Carroll on Saturday, November 18.

Despite roaring out with a 15-11 win in game one, the Streaks were not able to capitalize and seize the momentum, dropping the next two games, 15-8 15-4. But as was the case all the season, the Streaks felt they could rebound.

"The first three games were nothing out of the normal, it was how we had played all season," said Coach Gretchen Weitbrecht. "Even though we played true to our form, we just couldn't put it together."

Despite the loss, the Streaks equaled their previous best in national play by advancing to the NCAA quarterfinals. Weitbrecht was impressed with the Regals.

"I can see our team playing like Cal Lutheran a year from now," said Weitbrecht. "They had six

solid players on the floor, and they attacked our defense."

Losses in game four, and the match, did not dampen the Streaks' accomplishments this season.

"We definitely gained an identity, but it took us a while," said Weitbrecht. "At the start of the season, we knew we had the talent but I think these girls questioned themselves. It took some bumps and bruises, but we got to a point where we were sick of losing. We defined our season with our willingness to refuse to quit."

Just getting to the playoffs should have been enough for JCU.

Many looked at 1995 as a rebuilding year with the loss of All-American Stacey Mullally and four seniors. But strong play from a tested group of sophomores and juniors as well as an athletic freshman class.

"Other than Ohio Northern, who will lose some seniors, most of the teams will continue to grow along with us," said Weitbrecht. "I think the lessons learned this season in competition will give us an advantage [for next season]."

Freshman setter Leslie Dissel, junior middle hitter Elizabeth Black, sophomore outside hitter Lori Hammer and sophomore Pam Jimison all added their names to the JCU record books in 1995.

Dissel broke Leslie Mahl's single season record for assists, connecting on 1,252 this year.

Black and Hammer had the distinction of playing in all 127 games this season, breaking the previous mark of 111 set by junior Katy Perrone in 1994.

Jimison's 578 digs surpassed the previous best of 556 set by Maria Grzesik in 1986.

Grapplers overcome key absences in opener JCU improves to all-time record against CWRU to 19-1

Steven Colalanni

Staff Reporter

Despite the absence of returning All-American J.J. Huszczo and national qualifier John McGuire, the John Carroll wrestling team was able to win in its first dual meet of the season. Drowning cross-town rival Case Western Reserve University, 35-10.

Lack of experience was not a problem for John Carroll as it won the first four matches of the meet. Sophomore 142-pounder Chris Roman pinned the Spartans' Nate Cobb. Freshman Jim Ayers, in the 177-pound bout, also recorded an impressive victory by pinning the Spartans' Mark Warren 15 seconds into the match. Sophomores Javier Reveron [118 pounds] and David Jones [126 pounds] also recorded victories

for the Streaks.

Now in its 32nd season, the JCU wrestling program raised its career record against CWRU to 19-1, despite the absences of senior standouts Huszczo and McGuire.

At 118 pounds, Huszczo did not compete against the Spartans due to a knee injury. McGuire, at 190 pounds, had spent only one week with the wrestling team following his return after completing the football season.

"For the first time out, I was pleased with the effort put forth by the kids," said Coach Kerry Volkmann. "The guys were ready to go. I just have to remember that we sent seven freshmen and sophomores out there and came away with a victory. We were missing some key people, but we got great efforts all around."

Despite recording a pin in his first match of the season, Roman

was not totally pleased with his performance. "I'm happy that I won, but I know I have a lot of room for improvement," he said. "Cleveland State [Nov. 29] will be a real challenge, but the team is working hard and preparing for a tough match."

Reveron, a letter winner from a year ago, was very happy with his match and the team's overall showing. "For the opening match, the team did very well," he said. "However, we have to be more physical and make fewer mental mistakes against Cleveland State. Those two factors are the keys to victory."

The Streaks, ranked 18th in the Division III Coaches Top 25 Poll, will begin grappling with the rest of the OAC when they hit the mat on December 8 at the Ohio Northern Tournament.

Streaks of the Week



Erin Biehle
Freshman

The freshman forward was named OAC Player of the Week while making 6-of-7 from the field and 5-of-5 from the free throw line for a team-high 17 points. Biehle pulled down a team-high seven rebounds in helping the Blue Streaks past Muskingum 80-74.



Jeff Sesplankis
Senior

The senior center was named the Carnegie-Mellon Invitational Most Valuable Player. Sesplankis scored 30 points, grabbed 16 rebounds, made four steals, blocked a shot and recorded an assist in helping Carroll improve its record to 3-1.

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Swimmers hoping to conquer seventh consecutive OAC titles

Jude Killy

Staff Reporter

The John Carroll University swim season has been a blur so far in 1995-96.

Not because it has proceeded so quickly, but because it has been hard for JCU to assess how it will stand up against the Ohio Athletic Conference.

"Right now it is just so early," said Blue Streak Coach Matt Lenhart, the OAC Women's Coach of the Year four times and the conference's Men's Coach of the Year three times. "After this weekend, things will be in a lot better focus."

The Streaks have not been concerned with posting victories this season. Instead, they have used their first events of the young season to focus on what will work best for them this year.

"We really can't say we are one and two (or that we have a record)," said Lenhart, whose team competed at the OAC Relay Meet November 4, at Washington & Jefferson and then Grove City November 10 and 11, and then at the Allegheny Invitational on November 17 and 18. "We have been trying to look at people in certain events."

Lenhart said he expects this weekend's DePauw Invitational, an all Division-III meet in Greencastle, IN, to help JCU gauge

itself for 1995-96.

"This weekend will tell us where we are at," said Lenhart, of the two-day event which begins tomorrow and finishes up Saturday. "We will be swimming the events that we swim at the OAC Championships."

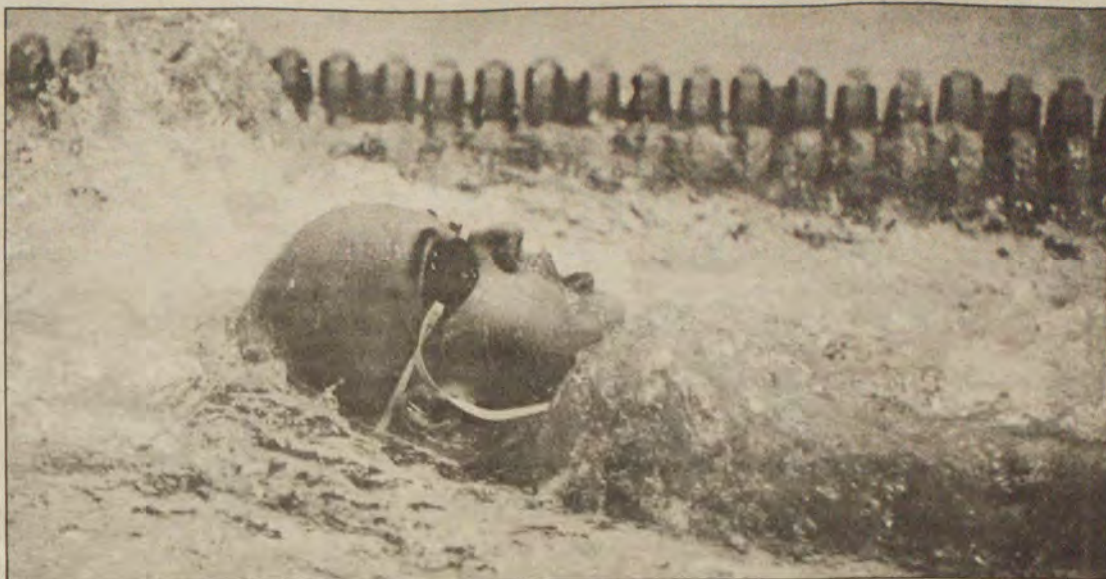
Lenhart and company are somewhat aware of what is ahead of them this season. They know that freestylers Ashley Maurer and Sara Mitchell are gone from last year's women's team. The men's team also knows that three-time OAC Swimmer of the Meet, Jim Petkunas, who swam the both freestyle and butterfly among other events, Eric Rapp, a backstroke and sprint freestyler Rich Farkas are gone.

All have used up their eligibility.

"I really think we are going to be able to cover the loss of Ashley and Sara," said Lenhart. "It will be more difficult with the guys. Jim will be tough to replace because he swam a lot of things well. Rich will also be very tough to replace."

In fact, for the first time in JCU's seven years, there is a possibility that the men might not bring home a conference crown.

"The guys are a little behind the eight ball for the first time," Lenhart said. "But we don't usually come around until after we



Junior Jay Donato swims the backstroke last season as he aids the Blue Streaks to an Ohio Athletic Conference Championship

get back from Florida (over Winter Break)," said Lenhart. "I kind of get the feeling that Mount (Union) thinks the OAC is theirs. We'll have to wait until February (when OAC Championships are)."

After all, even if Petkunas, Rapp and Farkas are gone, a solid nucleus of upperclassmen have returned, led by two-time national qualifying diver, junior Frank D'Angelo, as well as last year's conference championship Co-Swimmers of the Meet, junior freestyler Jeff Juergens and utility

man Matt Olver, also a junior. Senior sprint freestyler James Auricchio has returned from a one-year hiatus out of the water.

Lenhart said that Juergens, junior backstroke Jay Donato and senior freestyler Rob Morris have all been swimming well.

There is more certainty that the women to win a seventh consecutive OAC title. Lenhart said with last year's national qualifier, Peggy Dempsey (senior, freestyle), Pam Jimison (sophomore, freestyle), Roslyn Valentino (junior,

breastroke), Carrie Greenplate (sophomore, freestyle), Brenna Carey (sophomore, freestyle) and Laura Gerken (senior, freestyle) the women will be solid, top-to-bottom again. Valentino and Gerken missed the first semester of 1994-95 studying abroad.

"The women look pretty solid," said Lenhart. "They will be very deep again this year and their diving will be better than last season. If you were to take a consensus (poll) of OAC coaches, the women would probably be favored."

Men's hoops looking for revenge against Muskingum

Erik Boland

Staff Reporter

Depending on your point of view, Muskingum is either the best or the worst place for the John Carroll Men's basketball team to open their OAC season.

It was there, last year, where the bottom dropped out of the Blue Streaks season. As the team took turns hurling rocks at the basket, Muskingum took charge early with a 21-0 lead, en route to a 91-60 romp.

"That was a low, the deepest part of the valley," Coach Mike Moran said. "We were just never in the game. I switched religions three times I think during that game."

"Everyone knows what went on there last year and how bad we played," Senior center Jeffrey Sesplankis said. "At that point in the game [down 21-0] I cannot explain the feelings I had, being out there on the court and thinking how bad the score was. Embarrassment."

"We definitely want to come out and start the OAC season on the right note by getting a little bit of revenge on Muskingum, and get rid of the ghost that's been haunting us the entire off season," Junior starting small forward J.J. Richardson said.

The Muskingum loss typified last season as the team struggled to score. However, in getting off to 3-1 start this year, including two victory in last week's Carnegie-Mellon Invitational, the Blue Streaks look to have a more consistent offensive attack.

"We're a better offensive team than we have been in the past," Moran said. "We're going to have to become a better rebounding team, though, to win in the OAC."

"People are more confident in the shots they take," Sesplankis said. "We're more relaxed out there. [Last year] people were uptight about taking shots. You just have to fire away and hope they go in.

And this year, we're scoring a lot more points."

Sesplankis, named the Carnegie-Mellon MVP by scoring 30 points and grabbing 16 rebounds in the two game, still sees room for improvement in his game.

"I was happy with some aspects of my game, but there were other parts Coach [Moran] and I discussed. Man to man defense, being more aggressive on the boards," Sesplankis said. "It's my point of view that with our front line [Sesplankis, Artie Taylor, and

Richardson] there should be no reason why we shouldn't rebound any team in the league."

Scoring from the outside also

"With our front line, there should be no reason why we shouldn't rebound any team in the league."

Jeff Sesplankis

was a factor in the Carnegie-Mellon Invitational victory. Richardson shot his way onto the all-tournament team by scoring 24 points in the 66-61 champion-

ship triumph over host Carnegie-Mellon, but remained unimpressed with his play. "I can shoot better," Richardson said. "All-tournament things, they just go to the [high] scorers. I scored a lot of points because I took a lot of shots. Eventually, one or two of them is bound to go in."

Chipping in off the bench was sophomore shooting guard/small forward Mark Heidorf who contributed 13 points and nine rebounds for the two games. Junior guard Joey Bigler also came in off the bench and scored 13 in the championship game, including 3-

for 4 from the three-point arc.

"He [Heidorf] does everything well," Moran said. "He's great at screening, getting loose balls, a [good] defender."

"I think [in Joe's case] he's become much sounder with the ball," Moran added. "As a coach, I feel confident in the kid, he's making good decisions this year."

The Blue Streaks open their home schedule next Wednesday night [December 6th], as they host Mount Union at 7:30 p.m. in the Don Shula Sports Center. JCU will travel to Otterbein the following day to play the Cardinals.

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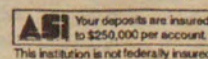
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Editorial

Sometimes we all need to be reminded

With Thanksgiving now behind us, two things are on everyone's mind: final exams and the holidays. As students at John Carroll University, a Jesuit institution, we like to think that we do not need to be reminded of the "reason for the season," or the meaning of the holidays. But, being the busy students that we are, sometimes a little reminder of what it's all about is just what we need. The day after Thanksgiving is the busiest shopping day of the year, and it has become tradition for many people to "hit the malls" frequently up until Christmas. Tradition is good when it comes to certain things, and even this one can be a sort of family bonding. Some people, however, tend to get a little too caught up in this aspect of the holiday spirit.

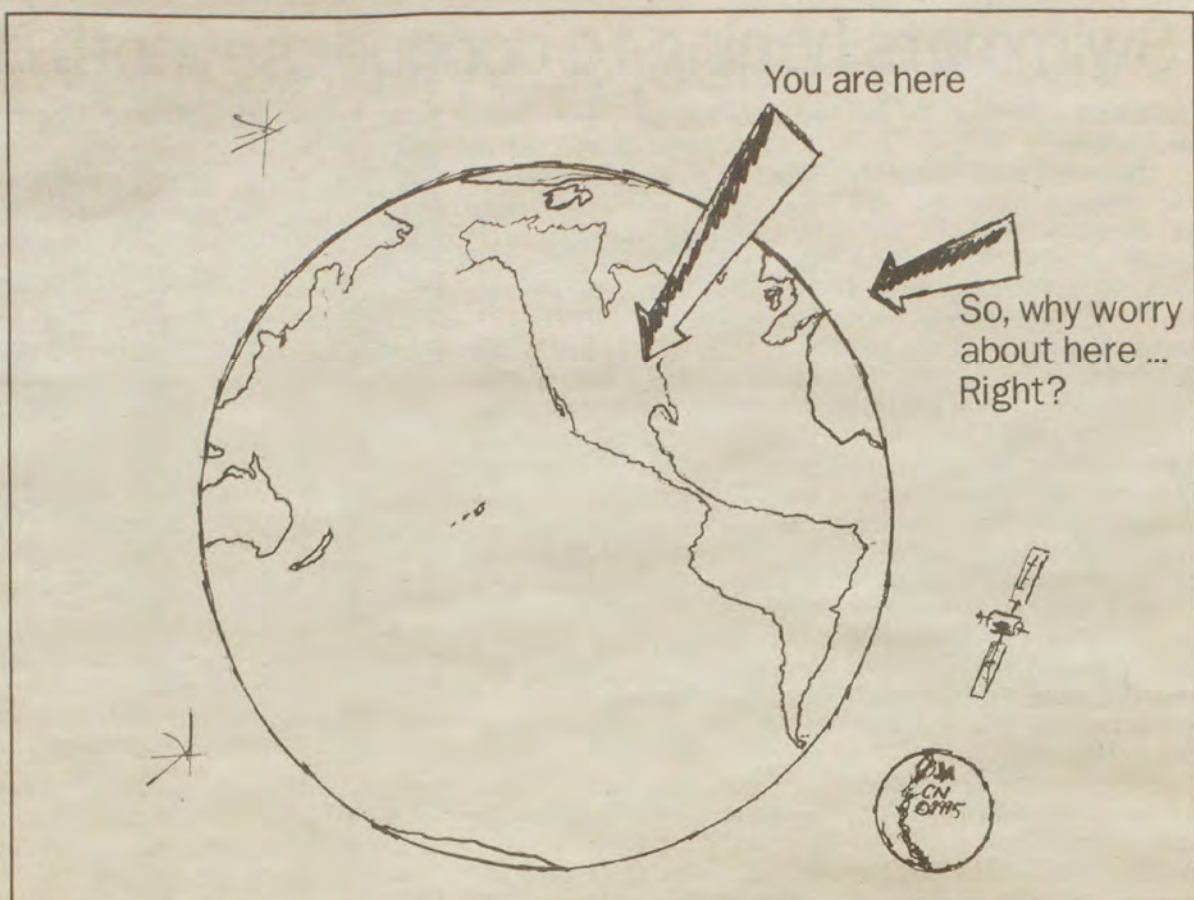
Both Hanukkah and (especially) Christmas are very commercial holidays in our society. Stores are filled with gifts, decorations and music to help us "celebrate" these holidays. All of this is very nice, and while it can be a stressful time, it is also fun for many people. This, however, is not the reason for the season. And, no matter what religion one practices, everyone can find a common meaning behind the holidays: the spirit of giving.

Regardless of religion or even what holiday is being celebrated, we are all capable of recognizing that this is a time to give. An ideal of a Jesuit education is to learn how to give of yourself. At JCU, especially, there are plenty of ways in which to participate in the giving spirit. While we discuss these opportunities, how many of us actually practice what we preach?

Look around at the opportunities made available to you here. But, don't just look... get involved in them. This month, we have a special opportunity to take advantage of—The Holiday Giving Tree. The tree, sponsored by the Student Union, will be in the Atrium with the names of children and senior citizens on it. When we take a name, all we need to do is buy a small gift for this person, wrap it and place it under the tree by Dec. 7. It's not that big of an effort, but it gives us all the chance to bring at least a little bit of joy to someone's life.

But, if buying a gift for the giving tree is not for you, there are many other ways to give. We are not very far away from various problems that lie in the inner city. Regardless of our G.P.A., most of us are capable of tutoring children who need help. JCU provides many ways for us to get involved in tutoring programs. Project Gold is also an excellent opportunity for us to get involved, and give to the community. Programs such as Meals on Wheels don't take up too much of our time, but truly help those who are needy.

So, if you haven't yet gotten into that festive mood, or caught the holiday spirit, maybe you should spend less time at the mall, and take a few minutes to bring joy to someone who truly needs it.



HITS & misses

miss: Two of the four copy machines in the library are broken. **miss:** The long lines and busy phone lines to buy Indians tickets. **HIT:** All of the holiday decorations popping up all over campus. "It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas..." **miss:** Gaining a few pounds after all of that turkey. **miss:** The pianos in the music practice rooms are out of tune. **miss:** The new schedule for Christmas Carroll Eve. Midnight Mass is now at 11 p.m. **HIT:** The Student Telephone Directories are *finally* here! **HIT:** Three members of the football team making the first team All-Academic in the OAC. **HIT:** Operation Focus, and all those who helped to make it a success. **HIT:** Just two weeks left. Hang in there.

Commentary: Don't make everything as rough as pulling teeth

I had two wisdom teeth pulled last Friday. Although I knew I was going to be 'knocked out' with an anesthetic, I really didn't know what else to expect. My roommate kept asking me if I was scared, and I told her I wasn't. I figured it was something that had to be done, and I knew people had their teeth pulled all the time. Plus, I thought of my younger sister who went through the same thing this summer. She didn't have any problems



following the surgery, and she even played volleyball with me and some friends that same night.

But as I thought more about having my

teeth pulled, I started to worry. I remembered a girl from high school who was in great pain and had a swollen, bruised face for two weeks following surgery. I remembered other people saying the day they had their wisdom teeth pulled was one of the worst days of their lives. I had heard many other horror stories too, about the pain, the swelling and the bruising. But, then I decided that I didn't care, and I wasn't going to let it bother me. Besides, it could have been worse, and what was the sense in worrying anyway?

Fortunately, the surgery went well, as I was told. I don't remember much. I remember being pierced with a needle and then opening my eyes and learning it was all over. For the next four days, I relied heavily on pain killers, and I made a diet of liquids and mushy foods. The left side of my face looked as if I was storing chestnuts for the winter. It was even painful to smile. But it's all over, and I've survived.

Although I was slightly hesitant about having my teeth pulled, like many things in life, I've realized that it's not worth it to worry too much. Granted, there are exceptions, but I've realized that most things will turn out okay. And as many people have told me, everything that happens, happens for a reason. Therefore, if it's going to happen, it will, and there's nothing anyone can do about it.

I think the same 'wisdom' is true for anything in life. With finals just two weeks away, I don't think it pays to worry about them too much, either. I've worried about past exams, but I'm slowly realizing that if I study as well as I can, that's all I can do. There's no sense in worrying because exams soon will be over, and I will move on to whatever other challenge comes my way. I've learned to take life one day at a time, and whether it's having a tooth pulled, taking an exam or even finding a job for Christmas break, I've learned to just relax. After all, it'll be okay tomorrow.

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letters to the editor

Article on assault provokes reaction from faculty and students

I am writing to express my concern over statements made by Joseph Farrell, Dean of Students, in response to a physical and sexual assault of a JCU student off-campus. To suggest that she should not have been out late at night does the woman in question, and all women, a disservice. Such a statement ignores the reality of sexual assault. Approximately 75 percent of women are sexually assaulted by someone they know; the majority of these assaults take place in her home and are frequently during the day. Thus, to suggest that women will be safe if they stay home is inaccurate.

Perhaps more disturbing, however, is the assumption that women are responsible for preventing such assaults. It seems to me that we should be talking about the adjustments that men need to be making if we want to eradicate sexual assault. It is worth noting that in addition to providing rape counseling to survivors, the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center has as a key part of its mission education of the public with the goal of changing the behavior of potential rapists, rather than expecting that woman must always be the ones to change their behavior. I think that it is our collective responsibility to work toward ending rape rather than placing the onus on individual women to stay home after dark.

Lauren Bowen
Associate Professor of Political Science
Board of Trustees of the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center

Since statistics indicate that the majority of violent criminals are male, why don't we prevent violent crime by promoting curfews for men? From now on, men are cautioned against being out by themselves at 4 a.m., or else they will be considered a criminal element. Does this sound absurd? Well, it is the type of solution Dean Farrell has proposed, except instead of promoting curfews for potential perpetrators, he has proposed curfews for potential victims.

Father Salmi doesn't want me to be "unduly alarmed" in terms of my safety. However, this comment, and those made by Dean Farrell have functioned as a wake-up call. I now realize the danger I am in as a female student. I attend a school which employs administrators who are allowed to promote pernicious attitudes about the crime of rape.

In the wake of a tragedy like this, both men should be offering comments which condemn the wrongful behavior of an assailant rather than criticize the behavior of the victim. Both men should be offering comments which express sympathy and consolation rather than incrimination. Helpful suggestions about "taking security seriously" obfuscate the fact that rape can happen anytime, anywhere, not just at 4 a.m.

Jennifer Burke
Class of 1996

The story entitled "JCU student assaulted" on the front page of the Nov. 16 CN disturbed me. It upset me to see the CN had the gall to publish a story about someone's tragedy for the entire campus to read.

Assault is an unbelievably difficult thing to deal with, something that victims must deal with privately. I'm sure it does not help them to see their story on the front page of their school's student newspaper. An assault does not only leave bruises and abrasions, but deep emotional wounds, which can take months, even years, to heal. Why did the CN not consider this victim's healing process and privacy? Perhaps the editorial board did consider these things but simply did not care.

I can understand the legal right of the CN to publish the article, but I feel that they took advantage of one person's victimization, capitalizing on it to raise awareness on campus violence. It is the right of the student body to be informed and warned of possible dangers that they may

encounter. But I do not agree with the way the CN handled it. There are so many ways to inform students about the dangers that plague college campuses. Scare tactics, like that of the published article, are not always the most efficient method of raising campus awareness.

I can only hope that the CN realizes its mistake. We often make rash decisions in the middle of tragedy. But I think the CN owes the victim an apology. They wrongly used her misfortune to serve a purpose which could have otherwise been completed.

Beth Wood
Class of 1999

Students defend RA action

Having taken the time to get to know our RA, we are aware of the responsibilities that position holds. It is more than write-ups for being too loud, pouring alcohol down the drain, kicking boys out after hours or enforcing the escort policy. It is helping the student passed out on the bathroom floor after too much to drink, the comforting shoulder when school is just out of control, understanding when to listen because serious problems such as rape and assault do occur at JCU, and unlocking doors when your roommate forgets you are in the shower. Being an RA is not for every person. The people who choose to take on these positions deserve our respect. Respect is not being ignorant of authority. Granted, RAs are not there to censor speech, but they encourage politeness toward visitors in the JCU community. The actions taken by the RAs towards the freshmen following the lecture in Murphy Hall were simply enforcing respect.

Do you want an RA who knows only the rules and regulations, or do you want an RA who takes initiative to help better a person? We personally prefer an RA who helps us when we ask for it as well as who helps us even when we don't like it.

Erin Fagan
Class of 1998

Jill Gigliotti
Class of 1998

The Nov. 16 editorial of the CN alludes to the abuse of power by the RA staff. In the incident involving the student disciplined, I say that it is about time people are held accountable for their ignorance.

Disciplining this student for his racist, homophobic remarks sends a message that this type of ignorance is not going to be tolerated on campus any longer. I think that you tend to find too much comfort in freedom of speech. There will be a day when people begin to realize that what they say is not a freedom when it controls and demeans the lives of others.

I am glad to see that Big Brother is watching. Someone has to. It is not so much that Big Brother is censoring our speech as much as it is trying to get rid of the hatred and discrimination on this campus.

Maury Petrak, Jr.
Class of 1996

Audiences needed to support JCU talent

I wanted to thank the cast, crew and director of "Man of La Mancha" who gave excellent performances. The musical made for a wonderful evening, as the cast did a superb job of capturing my attention and drawing me into the scenes. Not only was the scenery beautiful but clever in design, providing a sense of change even though nothing on stage moved except for the cast. The orchestra complimented both the ambiance and the characters.

All of the characters have a special vocal talents. Raymond Sindoni's voice was one of the most beautiful that I have ever heard, and this added to the dimension of his role as the compassionate priest. Travis P. Lattimore, Angel

Kornuc, Ted Rosati and Frank Feola gave exceptional strength to their characters and the show overall.

My main reason in writing this letter is to encourage the JCU community to attend such performances. I believe that if everyone just opened themselves up to at least one performance, they would have a good time and possibly bring themselves to see a show at another time. As a member of the JCU concert choir, I understand the disappointment of having low audience turnout after practicing hard and putting my heart into every note sung. These students are talented, and they deserve a filled auditorium that will give a hearty applause.

Theresa A. Henn
Class of 1998

Class scheduling process requires reconsideration

Last week my fellow classmates and I scheduled for spring classes. To no one's surprise (in Biology anyway), three 300-level and one 400-level courses had been closed by the second day of junior scheduling. I have dealt with this problem for the past two years at JCU with the perception that sophomores and freshman are just at the bottom of the totem pole and must take only the classes available to them.

Now, I am a junior beginning my second semester, and I still feel as if I am at the bottom. At this point in our education we must consider our futures and what classes will be beneficial. Certain classes are essential for entrance into medical school and graduate programs. Simply put, there are just too many biology and pre-med students for the current faculty to accommodate. This fact coupled with the idea of underclass honors students being able to schedule before upperclassmen causes classes to fill prematurely. The Dean of arts and sciences needs to seriously reconsider this scheduling process, as well as provide enough course sections to accommodate students.

Lucas Koffler
Class of 1997

Thanks to JCU for generosity during Operation Focus

I would like to thank those who donated money and food to the Student Union's Operation Focus Food Drive. Their efforts were sincerely appreciated. I would like to thank Carrie Liebenritt, Beth Wares, Jeff Kulbalo, Meghan Rogers, Colleen Auth and Jenny French for all the hard work and dedication. Also, I would like to congratulate Megan Baldino, Bridget Meehan and the JCU community for the success of the Operation Focus Thanksgiving Food Drive.

James K. Sullivan
Class of 1998

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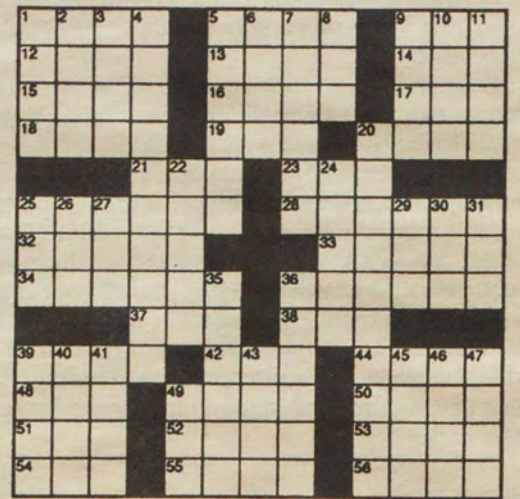
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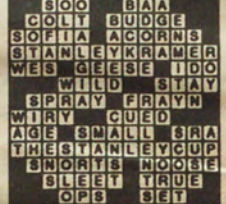
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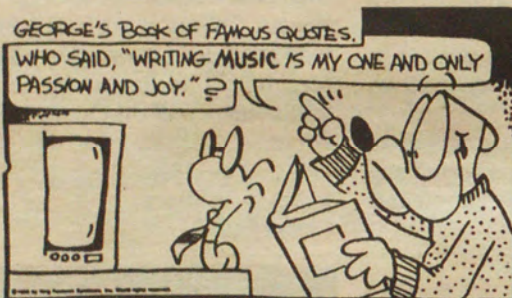
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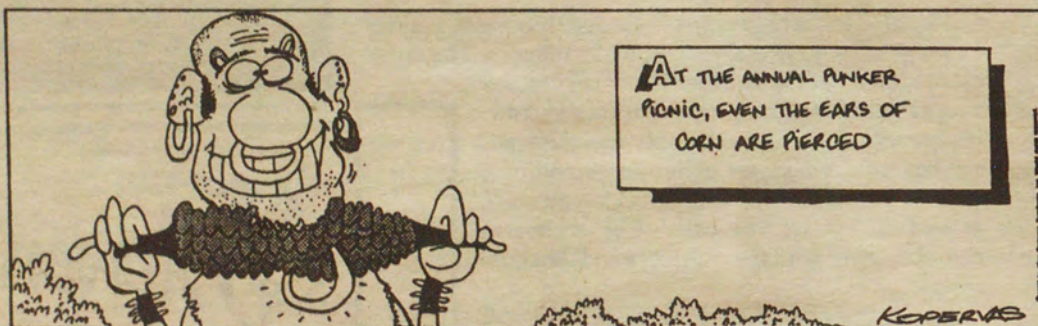
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